



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Cessna C-182

FACT SHEET



Cessna C-182 surveillance aircraft are short to medium-range, piston-powered, light enforcement aircraft used by the Office of Air and Marine (OAM) to support investigative and enforcement efforts by conducting missions such as aerial patrol, security and surveillance.

OAM's C-182 aircraft, which fly with a crew of two (pilot and observer), are particularly effective platforms for law enforcement operations.

These fixed-wing aircraft provide better range and endurance than helicopters, and blend more effectively with local traffic to mask the presence of continuous air surveillance. This allows air crews to conduct missions without alerting potential suspects.

Performance and Weights:

- **Maximum Speed**
140 knots (161 mph)
- **Service Ceiling Altitude**
18,900 feet
- **Range**
550 nautical miles (632 miles)
- **Endurance**
6 hours
- **Maximum Gross Weight**
2,800 pounds